

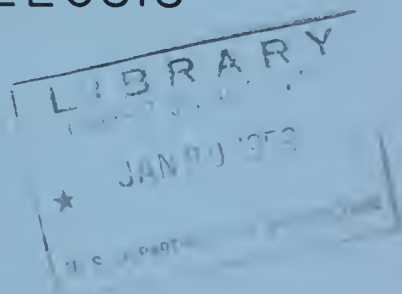
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A GUIDE FOR THE
IDENTIFICATION OF
CALVES OFFICIALLY
VACCINATED AGAINST
BRUCELLOSIS




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This guide has been prepared for veterinarians, livestock inspectors, and others engaged in the brucellosis eradication program for use in identifying animals moving interstate.

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The registered shield identification symbol in the code recommended by the United States Livestock Sanitary Association will be referred to as the standard tattoo, and is represented as follows:

Quarter (1 to 4) +  + Year (last numeral).

The methods of identifying officially vaccinated calves in each of the 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico as reported by each, are given below. (Hawaii and Puerto Rico appear at the end of the listing.)

ALABAMA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last Numeral),
AND optional yellow ear tag.

ARIZONA

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (National ear-tag system).

ARKANSAS

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (National ear-tag system) or individual identification tattoo.

CALIFORNIA

Left ear tattoo: Quarter (A to D) + Shield + Year (last numeral).

COLORADO

Standard tattoo.

CONNECTICUT

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (National ear-tag system).

DELAWARE

Standard tattoo in left ear AND ear tag, left ear.

FLORIDA

Standard tattoo. An identification number is also tattooed in the right ear unless an identification tattoo is already in the ear or a satisfactory identification brand is present.

GEORGIA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + CV + Year (last numeral) AND orange ear tag (National ear-tag system) with "USVAC" on the back.

IDAHO

Standard tattoo AND optional official ear tag.

ILLINOIS

Standard tattoo AND registration number, dam's registration number, or registration tattoo. Grade animals require official ear tag, right ear.

INDIANA

Right ear tattoo: Month (1 to 12) + V + Year (last numeral),
OR registration tattoo.

IOWA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral).

KANSAS

Left ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + ^KV + Year (last numeral),
and ear tag or registered hot brand; OR only the registration tattoo.

KENTUCKY

Standard tattoo AND orange vaccination ear tag.

LOUISIANA

Ear tattoo: Month (by number, except October, November and December are O, N, or D) + Shield + Year (last numeral), and vaccination tag in right ear; OR only the registration tattoo or registered brand.

MAINE

Ear tattoo: V + Me + Year (last numeral), AND ear tag: CVX + Number + Calf Vaccinate + Maine.

MARYLAND

Right ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral),
AND official Maryland vaccination tag, left ear.

MASSACHUSETTS

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral).
"Records show ear tags, tattoo, registration numbers, date of birth, sex, and breed."

MICHIGAN

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral).

MINNESOTA

Ear tattoo: Month (1 to 12) + V + Year (last numeral).

MISSISSIPPI

Standard tattoo AND bronze ear tag or registration tattoo.

MISSOURI

Standard tattoo AND yellow ear tag.

MONTANA

Standard tattoo AND optional "U" notch in either ear (preferably right ear).

NEBRASKA

Open area: Official vaccination tag in right ear and optional standard tattoo OR only the registration tattoo.

Range area: An official vaccination tag in right ear or a hot "V" brand, open end up, on right jaw; each plus optional standard tattoo; OR only the registration tattoo.

NEVADA

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (except ear tag is optional on registered calves).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ear tattoo: NH + V + Year (last numeral), AND ear tag: CV + Number + NH Coop.

NEW JERSEY

Ear tattoo: Month (A to L) + NJ + Year (last numeral),
AND right ear serial number tattoo or ear tag.

NEW MEXICO

Right jaw brand: "V" (open end up) and vaccination tag,
right ear; OR only the registration tattoo.

NEW YORK

Standard tattoo AND vaccination tag in tattooed ear, identification tag in opposite ear.

NORTH CAROLINA

Standard tattoo AND vaccination ear tag or registration tattoo number.

NORTH DAKOTA

Standard tattoo OR ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral).

OHIO

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral),
AND identification tag, herd tattoo number, or registration number.

OKLAHOMA

Mandatory: Standard tattoo in right ear OR registration tattoo.

Optional: Orange-colored ear tag in right ear OR "V" brand on right jaw.

OREGON

Standard tattoo, OR "V" brand on right jaw OR registration tattoo if tattoo is shown on registration papers. An optional vaccination tag, right ear, may be used with any one of the above three identifications.

PENNSYLVANIA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral), AND ear tag.

RHODE ISLAND

Ear tattoo: RI + V + Year (last numeral). "Records show ear tags, tattoo, registration number, date of birth, sex, and breed."

SOUTH CAROLINA

Standard tattoo AND orange vaccination tag (National ear-tag system).

SOUTH DAKOTA

Mandatory: Standard tattoo OR "V" brand on right jaw OR registration tattoo.

Optional: Ear tag and triangular punch hole in bottom edge of right ear.

TENNESSEE

Standard tattoo OR vaccination ear tag.

TEXAS

Ear tattoo: Month (1 to 12) + V + Year (last numeral), OR commercial beef calves are "V" branded in accordance with Uniform Methods and Rules. ALSO, in addition to the above identification, an ear tag, registration tattoo, or "such other means of identification as may be approved."

UTAH

Registration number or tattoo OR standard tattoo. An optional orange-colored vaccination tag may be used with the above identification.

VERMONT

Right ear tattoo: CV + Year (last numeral), AND right ear tag: Number + VT + Livestock.

VIRGINIA

Right ear tag AND ear notch on lower edge of left ear.

WASHINGTON

Standard tattoo AND optional ear tag.

WEST VIRGINIA

Standard tattoo AND ear tag using State code showing prefix "V" in right ear or registration tattoo.

WISCONSIN

Right ear tattoo: V + Month (1 to 12) + Year (last numeral).

WYOMING

Standard tattoo.

HAWAII

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral),
OR "V" brand on right cheek in accordance with Uniform
Methods and Rules. An optional ear tag (National ear-tag
system) may be used with the above identification.

PUERTO RICO

Left ear tattoo: CV + Month (A to L) + Year (last numeral),
AND yellow vaccination tag, right ear.

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